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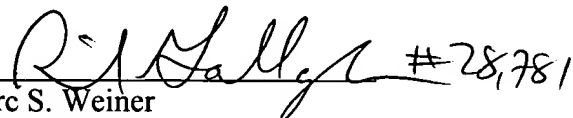
This is in response to the Office Action of April 18, 2008. Applicants gratefully acknowledge the Examiner's indication of allowable subject matter in this application (claim 24 stands allowed). Claims 13 and 43 are cancelled, without prejudice. Claims 12 and 14 are amended to depend, directly or indirectly, from claim 24. No new matter is introduced by the present Amendment. With this Amendment, only allowed independent claim 24 and claims 12 and 14-20 dependent therefrom remain pending in the application.

Claim 43 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by US 5,637,469 (Wilding). Office Action, page 2. Claims 11-20 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Wilding in view of US 4,426,451 (Columbus). Office Action, pages 3-4. Claim 24 was not rejected over the prior art. With this Amendment, the only independent claim remaining in the application is claim 24. Claims 12 and 14-20 in their present form all depend from claim 24. Claims 11, 13, and 43 are no longer pending in this application. Accordingly, no claim pending in the application is rejectable over Wilding, alone or in view of Columbus. Passage of this application to Issue is now in order.

If there are questions concerning this application, the Examiner is invited to contact Richard Gallagher (Reg. No. 28,781) at (703) 205-8008.

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